AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Please delete the section title "Summary", and replace with the following section title at the top of page 9:

ABSTRACT

Please delete the first and second paragraphs of page 9.

Please amend the third paragraph of page 9 as follows:

The invention <u>provides suggests</u> a method for accepting and/or authenticating documents, <u>especially banknotes</u>, wherein <u>the a</u> document is fed to a verification unit by means of an input unit, the document is authenticated and released for further processing, and wherein the authentication process is performed with a combination of at least two different verification processes.